#### **HEALTHCARE**

Veterans Affairs www.va.gov My HealtheVet www.myhealth.va.gov TRICARE www.tricare.mil American Red Cross www.redcross.org Dept. of Health www.healthyarkansas.com

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **FAMILY SERVICES**

#### **CHAMPVA**

www.va.gov/hac/forbeneficiaries/champva
Operation Homefront
www.operationhomefront.net

#### **EDUCATION**

GI Bill www.gibill.va.gov Scholarships, Grants, Aid, Internships www.dodvets.com/education.asp Dept. of Workforce Education dwe.arkansas.gov/veterans.html

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

Dept. of Workforce Services
www.arkansas.gov/esd
U.S. Dept. of Labor www.dol.gov/vets
Hire Vets First www.hirevetsfirst.gov
USA Jobs www.usajobs.gov
Fed Jobs federalgovernmentjobs.us
State Jobs www.ark.org/arstatejobs

### A Message from the Director



Affairs

Veterans

O

ent

oa O

Ø

as

S

Dear Veteran,

I would like to join my fellow Arkansans in thanking you for your service to our state and country. Your contribution to ensuring our freedoms, and those of others, reflects greatly on you and your fellow service men and women.

As a veteran, I want to make you aware of the important benefits and services available to you. I encourage you to take advantage of the invaluable information and resources in this brochure. Some of these benefits include health care, disability compensation, home loans, veterans license plates and claims assistance.

The Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs can assist you in navigating the laws and regulations governing claims before the VA. It is important that your case receives quality representation from an accredited Veteran Service Officer. The process requires a thorough understanding of the rules and procedures. Our staff can help you understand your due process rights in filing claims for compensation or pension benefits.

We are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

David Fletcher Director



# Veterans Benefits Guide

Assisting Veterans and their Families

Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs

Bldg. 65, Rm. 119 2200 Fort Roots Drive N. Little Rock, Arkansas 72114 (501) 370-3820 FAX (501) 370-3829 www.veterans.arkansas.gov

# Benefits

#### State Benefits:

www.veterans.arkansas.gov/benefits.html

- Income Tax Exemption (Retired and Active Duty Residents)
- Homestead and Personal Property Tax Exemption (Disabled Veterans)
- Gross Receipt of Tax Exemption (Disabled and Blind Veterans)
- Arkansas State Parks (Reduced Camping Rate for Disabled Veterans)
- Hunting and Fishing License (Reduced Rate for Disabled Veterans)
- Reduced Rate Veteran License Plates
- Educational Benefits for Dependents of POW/MIA/KIA
- Veterans Preferred Employment
- Diplomas for Veterans (WWII, Korea and Vietnam)
- Claims Assistance

#### Federal Benefits:

www.vba.va.gov

- VA Health Care
- Dental Treatment
- VA Life Insurance
- VA Pensions
- · Disability Compensation
- · Transition Assistance
- · Education and Training
- Veterans Preferred Employment
- · Burial and Memorial Benefits
- Benefits for Dependents and Survivors
- · Appeals of VA Claims Decisions
- Home Loan Guaranty
- Small Business Administration Loans www.sba.gov/

# **Assistance**

#### **Replacing Medals & Records:**

National Personnel Records Center www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100 (314) 801-0800

#### **Post-traumatic Stress Disorder:**

The National Center for PTSD www.ncptsd.va.gov/ncmain (802) 296-6300

#### **Suicide Prevention:**

National Suicide Hotline www.mentalhealth.va.gov 1-800-273-8255 Press 1

#### **Substance Abuse & Mental Health:**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration www.samhsa.gov/vets 1-877-726-4727

#### **Homeless Veterans:**

National Coalition for Homeless Veterans www.nchv.org 1-800-838-4357

#### **Veterans Resources:**

Military OneSource www.militaryonesource.com 1-800-342-9647

There are several veterans organizations, such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, that provide benefits to their members. Check out www.veterans.

arkansas.gov/vetorg.html for a list of these veterans groups.

# Services

#### **Veterans Service Officers:**

- Service Officers are located at 2200 Fort Roots Drive, Building 65 North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114 (501) 370-3820
- Each County has a County Veterans Service Officer www.veterans.arkansas.gov/cvso.html

#### **Veterans Affairs Regional Office:**

 2200 Fort Roots Drive, Building 65 North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114 1-800-827-1000

#### **VA Hospitals:**

- John L. McClellan Little Rock, AR 1-800-224-8387 www.littlerock.va.gov
- Eugene J. Towbin N. Little Rock, AR 1-800-224-8387 www.littlerock.va.gov
- VA Medical Center Fayetteville, AR 1-800-691-8387 www.fayettevillear.va.gov
- VA Medical Center Memphis, TN 1-800-636-8262 www.memphis.va.gov
- Overton Brooks Shreveport, LA 1-800-863-7441 www.shreveport.va.gov
- John J. Pershing Popular Bluff, MO 1-888-557-8262 www.poplarbluff.va.gov

#### **Veterans Homes:**

- Arkansas State Veterans Home (501) 296-1885
- Fayetteville Veterans Home (479) 444-7001

#### **Veterans Cemeteries:**

- Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery (501) 683-2259
- Fayetteville National Cemetery (479) 444-5051
- Fort Smith National Cemetery (479) 783-5345
- Little Rock National Cemetery (501) 324-6401